Independent Inquiry Committee into the Oil-for-Food Programme. The Special Envoy has the full power and authority of the Government of India to execute the responsibilities entrusted to him.

Statement

Names of Indian entities and individuals listed among non-contractual beneficiaries in the tables of the Volcker Committee Report

1. Congress Party
2. Reliance Petroleum Limited
3. Mr. Bhim Singh
4. Mr. K. Natwar Singh

Assistance to Pakistan for rehabilitation of earthquake hit areas

177. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state the financial and other assistance so far given by India to Pakistan for the relief and rehabilitation of those who suffered due to the earthquake on 8th October, 2005?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): India has provided substantial quantities of relief material to Pakistan in the aftermath of the October 8, 2005 earthquake. On October 26, 2005, India announced a US $ 25 million aid package for Pakistan. So far about 1,300 tonnes of relief material has been handed over to Pakistani authorities. India is also taking part in an International Donors Conference being organised by the Government of Pakistan on November 19, 2005 in Islamabad.

India has opened five crossing points across the LoC at Teetwal-Nauseri, Uri-Chakoti, Uri-Hajipir, Poonch-Rawalakot, and Mendhar-Tattapani. These would be used for movement of relief material and people from either side. India had also initiated arrangements to open relief camps along the LoC at Kaman, Poonch and Teetwal. However, Pakistan did not accept the proposal.

India has assured the Government and the people of Pakistan affected by the earthquake its support in their relief and rehabilitation efforts.